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SUBJ: POLES TAKE ISSUE WITH INCREASED US GOVERNMENT BROADCASTING
FACILITIES

REF: A. WARSAW 2128, B. MOSCOW 3997

1. PAP WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, STANISLAW GLABINSKI, IN AN
ARTICLE ENTITLED "THE ASTOUNDING DECISION OF THE CARTER
ADMINISTRATION" IN TRYBUNA LUDU OF MARCH 26-27,
CRITICIZES THE WHITE HOUSE FOR TAKING ON THE ROLE OF "SPOKESMAN"
FOR EAST EUROPEAN PEOPLES IN ITS REQUEST FOR EXPANDING INTER-
NATIONAL BROADCASTING FACILITIES. GLABINSKI CITES THE PORTION OF
THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS SUPPORTING THE
BROADCASTS AS A "CONTRIBUTION TO THE REALIZATION OF THE
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PRINCIPLE OF FREE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND
IDEAS" AND AS "AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT IN THE LIVES OF
THE PEOPLES OF EASTERN EUROPE AND THE SOVIET UNION."
HE ALLEGES THAT THE PRESIDENTIAL REQUEST FOLLOWS SEVERAL
YEARS OF GROWING DOMESTIC AMERICAN CITIICISM OF "DIVER-
SIONARY" RFE/RL OPERATIONS.

2. AN OFFICIAL COMMENT CONTAINED
IN A SHORT PAP INTEM IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING GLABINSKI'S
REPORT ASKS HOW THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION CAN BE RE-
CONCILED WITH A POLICY OF IMPROVING DETENTE. IT
CONTENDS THAT RFE/RL OPERATIONS ARE UNEQUIVOCALLY IN
CONTRADICTION TO THE CSCE PRINCIPLES, AS CONFIRMED BY
DOCUMENTATION LINKING THEM TO "INTELLIGENCE AND DIVERSIONARY
CENTERS." THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT, ON THE EVE OF
THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE, EXPANDING THE ACTIVITIES OF
THESE STATION "MUST, AT A MINIMUM, TRIGGER UNEASINESS
AND REFLECTION ABOUT THE INTENTIONS OF CERTAIN SIGNATORIES
OF THE CSCE FINAL ACT."

3. COMMENT: THE OFFICIAL COMMENT IS COUCHED MORE IN
SORROW THAN IN ANGER. IN CONTRAST TO THE RECENT ZOLNIERZ
WOLNOSCI ARTICLE (REF A), THERE IS NO EXPLICIT MENTION OF
PAST RFE/RL ASSOCIATION WITH THE CIA. MOREOVER,
THE TONE OF THE ARTICLE AND COMMENTARY IS CONSIDERABLY
MORE RESTRAINED THAN THAT REPORTED IN PRAVDA (REF B).
END COMMENT.
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